

In the specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 10-11, with the following paragraph:

This application is a divisional of U.S.S.N. 09/718,693 filed November 22, 2000, which claims priority to U.S.S.N. 60/167,212 filed November 24, 1999, by John B. Harley, Judith Ann James, and Kenneth M. Kaufman.

Please replace the paragraph on page 35, lines 9-22 with the following:

Example 1: Preparation of anti-latent EBV antibodies.

To generate an *E. coli* LMP-2A expression plasmid, a 1,029 bp SalI/NsiI fragment was removed from the LMP-2A cDNA clone (obtained from Dr. Mike Kurilla, formerly from the Department of Pathology, University of Virginia Health Sciences Center) (~~Figure 4~~). This fragment of LMP-2A cDNA corresponds to bp 789-1817 of the GenBank LMP-2A entry (Accession #M24212) and encodes amino acids 259-497 of LMP-2A as well as some of the 3' untranslated sequence. The fragment was ligated into SalII/PstI digested pMal-C2 (New England Biolabs, Beverly, MA). The resulting construct encodes a maltose binding protein (MBP) LMP-2A fusion protein (construct #1). Separating the maltose binding protein and LMP-2A is a run of 20 arginines and a Factor Xa cleavage site. The Factor Xa cleavage site allows the LMP-2A peptide fragment to be separated and isolated from the maltose binding protein moiety.

Please replace the paragraph on page 36, lines 17-23, with the following:

E. coli cells transfected with the truncated MBP-LMP-2A fusion protein plasmid (construct #1) expressed the MBP-LMP-2A fusion protein (Figure 2). This was based on the presence of a 69,000 molecular weight protein on SDS-PAGE and Western blot detection using rabbit anti-MBP polyclonal sera. The LMP-2A fusion protein encodes 212 amino acids of the transmembrane domains and the C-terminal 27 amino acids, which are intracellular, as opposed to the 351 amino acids in the mature protein.